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ATTN MR KHALID RAHMAN

KINDLY ARRANGE FOR THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO BE DELIVERED IN
SEPERATE ENVELOPES TO

1) PRESIDENT PROFESSOR SIBGHATULLAH MOGADDIDI

AND 2) PRIME MINISTER ABDUL RAB RASOOL SAYYAF

PLEASE CONFIRM TO ME THAT ADDRESSEES HAVE RECEIVED THE MESSAGE.

REGARDS

PROF KHURSHID AHMAD

DEAR BROTHER,

ASSALAAM ALAIKUM WA RAHMATULLAH WA BARAKATUHU

THE ISLAMIC COUNCIL FULLY SUPPORTS THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT ELECTED
BY THE SHURA LAST WEEK AND ITS CLAIM TO RECOGNITION AS THE
LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN.

THE COUNCIL HAS LAUNCHED ITS OWN CAMPAIGN TO SECURE THE NECESSARY
RECOGNITION OF THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT. IN THIS CONNEXION, WE
HAVE APPROACHED KING FAHD BIN ABDUL AZIZ CALLING UPON HIM TO
TAKE THE LEAD NOT ONLY BY RECOGNISING THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT
BUT ALSO BY USING HIS INFLUENCE AND DIPLOMATIC MEANS TO SECURE
RECOGNITION BY OTHER COUNTRIES. WE HAVE ALSO APPEALED TO HIM
TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO SECURE JOINT RECOGNITION OF THE
GOVERNMENT BY THE FORTHCOMING 18TH CONFERENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTERS
TO BE HELD IN RIYADH.

IN ADDITION, WE HAVE WRITTEN TO SOME HEADS OF STATE IN THE WEST
AS WELL AS THE MUSLIM WORLD TO THE SAME END.

WE HAVE ALSO APPROACHED THE SECRETARIES GENERAL OF THE OIC AND
THE UN TO INITIATE ACTION TO GIVE REPRESENTATION TO THE INTERIM
GOVERNMENT ON THEIR RESPECTIVE ORGANISATIONS.

ASSURING YOU OF OUR CONTINUED SUPPORT TO THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT
OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN.

KIND REGARDS AND BEST WISHES,

SALEM AZZAM

SECRETARY GENERAL

ISLAMIC COUNCIL

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FOR THE ATTENTION OF H E THE SECRETARY GENERAL

EXCELLENCY,

AS YOU ARE OF COURSE AWARE, THE CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL (SHURA) OF THE AFGHAN MUJAHIDEEN HAS ELECTED AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN. THIS GOVERNMENT EXERCISES EFFECTIVE CONTROL OVER MORE THAN 80% OF AFGHANISTAN AND IS THE REAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AFGHAN PEOPLE.

THE ISLAMIC COUNCIL THEREFORE REQUESTS YOUR EXCELLENCY TO INITIATE ACTION TO GIVE REPRESENTATION TO THE NEWLY ELECTED INTERIM GOVERNMENT ON YOUR AUGUST ORGANISATION AS THE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN.

KIND REGARDS

SALEM AZZAM

SECRETARY GENERAL

ISLAMIC COUNCIL

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From the Private Secretary

10 March 1989

See Mr. Azzam.

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your letter of 28 February.

The election by the Shoura in Rawalpindi of a resistance interim Government is an important development. You suggest that we should now recognise this government. For us, as for many other governments, however, the question of recognition does not arise as it has been our policy since 1980 to recognise states not governments. Our Embassy in Islamabad will certainly be staying in close touch with the resistance leadership in Peshawar, including the leaders designated by the Shoura with whom our contacts are already good. The Prime Minister herself met both Abdul Haq and Pir Sayyid Ahmed Gailani last year. Professor Sibghatulla Mujaddedi, who has just been elected President by the Shoura, also came here a little over a year ago and had talks with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

The Government looks forward to the establishment in Kabul of a truly representative government formed through a genuine act of Afghan self-determination, so that peace can be restored to Afghanistan. We therefore very much welcome Professor Mujaddedi's announcement that the interim Government will hold free elections in Afghanistan after the fall of the present regime, which seems inevitable.

Yours sincerely,

(CHARLES POWELL)

Mr. Salem Azzam

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Islamic Council

28 February 1989

The Rt Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher MP
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
London SW1

Dear Prime Minister,

You will of course be aware that the Afghan Mujahideen, following a unanimous vote in a shura, has succeeded in forming an interim government in Afghanistan.

It is recognised, even by the Soviet Union, that 80 per cent of Afghanistan is now under the control of the Mujahideen. Moreover the puppet regime in Kabul, illegally imposed upon the people, is crumbling and the people of Afghanistan are suffering food and other shortages caused by the present situation.

I am writing to you, as one who has given most valuable support to the people of Afghanistan in their struggle against the Soviet invasion, to urge you to give the lead to the countries of the free world by promptly recognising the Mujahideen interim government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

All people who value freedom and a people's right to independence must now wish to see an end to the bloodshed in Afghanistan and the emergence of a stable government in that country, so that the massive task of reconstruction can get under way.

The government of the Mujahideen is the natural result of the successful resistance of the people of Afghanistan, and we hope that your government will extend recognition to it without delay.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Salem Azzam

Salem Azzam
Secretary General

By Fax transmission from 01 823 1590

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Islamic Council

28 February 1989

H E Dr Hamid Algabid
Secretary General
OIC

Excellency,

Assalaam Alaikum wa Rahmatullah wa Barakatuhu.

As you are of course aware, the Consultative Council (shura) of the Afghan Mujahideen has elected an interim government of Afghanistan. This government exercises effective control over more than 80 per cent of Afghanistan and is the real representative of the Afghan people.

The Islamic Council therefore requests Your Excellency to initiate action to give representation to the newly elected interim government on your august organisation as the legitimate government of Afghanistan.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Salem Azzam

Salem Azzam
Secretary General

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24 FEBRUARY 1989
ATTN BROTHER MUKHTAR HASSAN
KINDLY DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE IN SEPARATE ENVELOPES TO
1) ENGINEER GULBUDDIN HIKMATYAR
2) MAULANA YUNUS KHALIS
3) PROFESSOR BURHANUDDIN RABBANI
4) SAYED AHMED GILANI
5) MAULANA NABI MOHAMMADI
THANKS AND REGARDS
SALEM AZZAM
SECRETARY GENERAL
ISLAMIC COUNCIL

DEAR BROTHER,
ASSALAAM ALAIKUM
PLEASE ACCEPT OUR WARM CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD WISHES ON YOUR
ELECTION TO THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN.
WE HOPE AND PRAY THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL STRENGTHEN AND CONSOLIDATE
UNITY OF THE BRAVE AFGHAN PEOPLE AND LEAD THEM TO FINAL VICTORY
BY ESTABLISHING A STRONG AND STABLE ISLAMIC GOVERNMENT IN
AFGHANISTAN.
MAY ALLAH HELP AND GUIDE YOU YOUR COLLEAGUES IN THE GOVERNMENT
AND THE AFGHAN PEOPLE IN TACKLING THE GIGANTIC TASK OF REHABILITATION
AND RECONSTRUCTION THAT LIES AHEAD AND IN PUTTING THE COUNTRY
ON THE ROAD TO PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY.
KIND REGARDS
SALEM AZZAM

BRO MUKHTAR HASSAN: THE NEXT MESSAGE IS FOR MR ABDUL RASUL SAYYAF

DEAR BROTHER,
ASSALAAM ALAIKUM
WE ARE DELIGHTED TO LEARN ABOUT THE FORMATION OF AN INTERIM
GOVERNMENT AND YOUR ELECTION AS ITS PRIME MINISTER. PLEASE ACCEPT
OUR WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD WISHES.
WE HOPE AND PRAY THAT UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP THE UNITY OF THE
BRAVE AFGHAN PEOPLE WILL BE STRENGTHENED AND CONSOLIDATED AND
THAT IT WILL SOON ESTABLISH A STABLE ISLAMIC GOVERNMENT IN
AFGHANISTAN.
YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES ARE NO DOUBT AWARE OF THE GIGANTIC
TASKS OF REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION WHICH LIE AHEAD.
WE HOPE THAT WITH UNITY, COOPERATION AND ISLAMIC SPIRIT, THE
GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN WILL BE ABLE TO TACKLE
THEM SUCCESSFULLY.
MAY ALLAH HELP AND GUIDE YOU, YOUR COLLEAGUES AND THE BRAVE
PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STRONG AND
STABLE GOVERNMENT IN AFGHANISTAN AND IN PUTTING THE COUNTRY
ON THE ROAD TO PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY.
WITH KIND REGARDS,
SALEM AZZAM

AND FOLLOWING PLEASE FOR PROFESSOR SIBGHATULLAH MOGADDIDI

DEAR BROTHER, ASSALAAM ALAIKUM

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO LEARN ABOUT THE FORMATION OF AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT AND YOUR ELECTION AS ITS PRESIDENT. PLEASE ACCEPT OUR WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD WISHES.

WE HOPE AND PRAY THAT UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP THE UNITY OF THE BRAVE AFGHAN PEOPLE WILL BE STRENGTHENED AND CONSOLIDATED, AND THAT IT WILL SOON ESTABLISH A STABLE ISLAMIC GOVERNMENT IN AFGHANISTAN.

YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES ARE NO DOUBT FULLY AWARE OF THE GIGANTIC TASKS OF REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION THAT LIE AHEAD.

WE HOPE THAT WITH UNITY, COOPERATION AND ISLAMIC SPIRIT THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN WILL BE ABLE TO TACKLE THEM SUCCESSFULLY.

MAY ALLAH HELP YOU AND GUIDE YOU YOUR COLLEAGUES AND THE BRAVE AFGHAN PEOPLE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STRONG AND STABLE ISLAMIC GOVERNMENT IN AFGHANISTAN AND IN PUTTING THE COUNTRY ON THE ROAD TO PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY.

WITH KIND REGARDS

SALEM AZZAM

BROTHER MUKHTAR HASSAN: MANY THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

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CABLE
10 March 1989

Khadim al Haramain al Sharifain
King Fahd bin Abdul Aziz
Riyadh

Assalaam Alaikum.

We are delighted that Saudi Arabia has been the first to recognise the Mujahideen government in Afghanistan and highly praise you for taking this lead. We pray that you will use your influence with other countries to do likewise.

We appeal to you to use your good offices ^{also} to ensure that the vacant seat with the OIC is given to the Mujahideen government as the true and chosen government of Afghanistan at this coming session in Riyadh.

May Allah bless you and crown your efforts with success.

Salem Azzam

28 February 1989

CABLE TO KHADIM AL HARAMAIN AL SHARIFAIN
KING FAHD BIN ABDUL AZIZ
RIYADH

It is a blessing from Allah that after the withdrawal of the Soviet forces from Afghanistan the shura of the Mujahideen has been able to form their interim government. This government has sought recognition from all countries of the world.

I take this opportunity to request the Khadim al Haramain al Sharifain to take the lead not only by recognising this government but also by using all diplomatic means at his disposal to seek recognition from other countries.

The forthcoming 18th oic Conference of Foreign Ministers provides Muslims with a golden opportunity to extend jointly recognition to this government and I request you to take this historic initiative.

May Allah guide you and enable you to show the Islamic Ummah the way its support to the Afghan jihad should continue in the new phase. Recognition of the Mujahideen government and complete solidarity with the Muslim people of Afghanistan in the reconstruction of their country are the most pressing needs of the hour.

Salem Azzam